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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Wesby** [US 7,027,808] in view of **Craftree** (previously provided).

In claims 1-5, **Wesby** discloses a security system with an object locator feature (remote asset management system with applications in security surveillance or alarm systems, claims 8-9 and 13) comprising: a user interface responsive to a user control input for retrieving an identifier associated with a tag attached to an asset and for transmitting a wireless signal encoded with the identifier (paging) (abstract; col. 4, l. 65- col. 5, l. 14; security in prison, airport, military, claim 8; unauthorized entry, claim 9; and building or home burglar, intruder, fire, smoke detectors and alarms, claim 13).

**Wesby** does not give specific detail of user interface output component provides descriptive information to enable the user to select one of a plurality of objects; **Craftree** teaches an object locator device comprising a user interface, a memory, output component with descriptive information to aid user in selecting object, a control to retrieve the tag identifier and a transmitter features as claimed (Locator device 10 with name list display and keypad select, fig. 4, col. 15, l. 15-60; Transceiver tag 11 attached

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to a child responsive to polling from the locator device for sending information regarding the child proximity to water or fire, col. 15, l. 25-55).

It would have been obvious to an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, the descriptive information on user interface output of Craftree implemented in Wesby facilitates user in selecting the object for polling.

In claims 6-8, **Crabtree** (col. 15, lines 15-60, fig. 4) teaches user input for storing in memory string of characters and numbers representing the tags identifiers and editing via user input descriptive information for the plurality of objects.

In claims 9-10, **Wesby** discloses applications in both inanimate objects and living beings (appliances and persons; claims 8, 9, 13).

In claims 11-15, **Wesby** and **Crabtree** combined discloses a method for operating the system of claims 1-10 above; the operation for inputting the identifiers, descriptive information, entering character string is in Crabtree, col. 15, l. 28-60; editing is obvious since editing mode is needed for entering data into storage.

In claims 16-21, **Wesby** discloses programmable software application module (col. 12, l. 8-24); **Crabtree** teaches the system having automated functions (col. 2, line 51 through col. 3, line 24) therefore program storage device and program instructions to function the system of claims 1-10 would have been obvious.

In claims 22-24, **Crabtree** teaches an electronic tag having memory, receiver, control comparing identifier and sounder as claimed (col. 10, l. 28- col. 11, l. 13; col. 25, l. 19-23).

In claims 25-26, **Wesby** and **Crabtree** combined discloses a security system having an object scheduled polling feature that can be set by the user (**Crabtree**: real-time clock that allow the transceiver 11 to be activated at times specified by the user; col. 23 line 7- col. 24 line 21; Table 2).

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments filed 9/27/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that Wesby does not teach a security system with an object locator feature; the examiner disagrees: Wesby discloses in claim 8, security in the airport, prison, military, etc., for locating supervised persons; in claim 9, monitoring unauthorized entrance in a protected area; and in claim 13, remote controlling facility management system including home or building with burglar alarms, intruder, door, fire, smoke detectors and alarms. The communication device of Wesby can be fixed or mobile and directly or indirectly via a server to monitoring and checking status of the asset associated with a wireless ID module (col. 4, l. 65- col. 5, l. 6). See rejections to claims 1-26 above.

### ***Conclusion***

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not


mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne V. Lai whose telephone number is 571-272-2974. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am to 6:30 pm, Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hofsass Jeffery can be reached on 571-272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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